

Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

April 24th, 2006

VAVRS Headquarters, Oilville, Va.

1:00 PM

Meeting was called to order by Don Taylor Committee Chair at 1:05 PM.

Members present:

Don Taylor

Russ Blow

Warren Winner

Denny Kincaid

Matt Embry

George Langford

Staff present:

Michael Berg

Jimmy Burch

Motion made by Warren Winner, second by Russ Blow to accept January meeting minutes as reported. Motion passed.

Don reported that Byron Andrews, Chair of the FARC Committee had hoped to be at the meeting to discuss vehicle replacement guidelines but would not be able to attend.

Vehicle replacement guidelines was discussed. After discussion it was decided that OEMS would be asked to add an additional information page to the grant application to be used when a vehicle is requested. The information requested would be as follows:

Date vehicle placed in service by agency.

When purchased was vehicle new or used.

Current engine hours.

Repair cost.

Time out of service for repairs.

Any extenuating circumstances with narrative space to explain.

This information will be forwarded to the Transportation at the next grant cycle for review and grading by the committee. Don will discuss this with Byron Andrews. Jimmy will discuss changes to application with Linwood Pulling.

Scott Winston has asked the committee to bring together all interested parties to assist in developing best practices concerning the transport and care of Bariatric patients. Don will contact those parties suggested by Scott and try to schedule a meeting for sometime in June.

Michael Berg read the proposed definition of EVOC. The new definition will read as follows:

"Emergency vehicle operator's course" or "EVOC" means an approved course of instruction for EMS vehicle operators that includes safe driving skills, knowledge of the state motor vehicle code affecting emergency vehicles, and driving skills necessary for operation of emergency vehicles during response to an incident or transport of a patient to a health care facility. This course must include classroom and driving range skill instruction. Approved course of instruction to include the course objectives as identified within the U.S. Department of Transportation Emergency Vehicle Operator curriculum or as approved by OEMS.

George Langford expressed concerns regarding the portion that requires courses to have a road course included. Mr. Langford reported that VAVRS and VDFP have been meeting to discuss this matter and come to a consensus. Concerns have been expressed about liability for students and vehicles when a vehicle utilized for the course is being driven by someone other than that agencies personnel. Mr. Langford also reported that VAVRS and VDFP have agreed to continue to meet and work on this issue.

After discussion a motion was made by Russ Blow and seconded by Warren Winner to accept the new definition as read. Being no further discussion the motion passed

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Critical Care Transport was discussed. It was reported that language from the Medevac Committee is currently being reviewed by the Attorney General's Office. This matter will be tabled until information is received by the Attorney General.

Don reported that he has been asked by Orange and Prince William Counties have inquired about the use of buses as transport vehicles in the event of mass casualty. It was recommended by the Committee that these agencies contact Michael Berg if necessary to request an exemption to the regulation.

Singer Associates has submitted a request for price increase to the current ambulance contract. Scott Winston has asked the Committee to review this request and make any recommendations. After reviewing the submitted information the committee determined that there was not enough information to make a recommendation to the Department of General Services. A motion was made by Denny Kincaid and seconded by George Langford to turn this matter back over to DGS to make a decision. The motion passed unanimously.

Don reported that information he has indicates that there will be significant price increases in ambulance purchase due to several Emission Standards changes.

George Langford asked about the final outcome of Senate Bill 24 regarding Motor Medics. Michael Berg reported that Senator Lucas was informed that the Transportation Committee would assist any agency that was interested in establishing a motor medic program. The bill went forward but was tabled until next year.

The next Transportation Committee is scheduled for July 24th, 2006 beginning at 1:00 PM at the VAVRS Headquarters in Oilville.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.